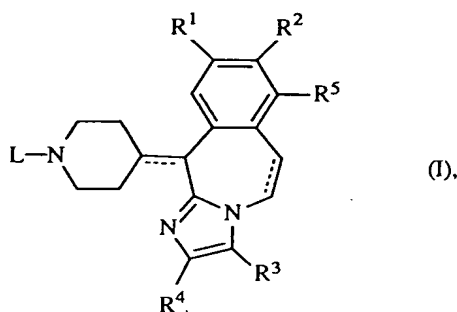


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ABSTRACT

IMIDAZO[2,1-b][3]BENZAZEPINE DERIVATIVES, COMPOSITIONS AND  
METHOD OF USE

The present invention is concerned with novel imidazo[2,1-b][3]benzazepines of formula



the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts and stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein each of the dotted lines independently represents an optional bond;  $R^1$  represents hydrogen, halo,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl or  $C_{1-4}$ alkyloxy;  $R^2$  represents hydrogen, halo,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl or  $C_{1-4}$ alkyloxy;  $R^3$  represents hydrogen,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, ethenyl substituted with hydroxycarbonyl or  $C_{1-4}$ alkyloxycarbonyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl substituted with hydroxycarbonyl or  $C_{1-4}$ alkyloxycarbonyl, hydroxy $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, formyl or hydroxycarbonyl;  $R^4$  represents hydrogen,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, hydroxy $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, phenyl or halo;  $R^5$  represents hydrogen,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl or halo; L represents hydrogen;  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl substituted with one substituent selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, halo,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyloxy, hydroxycarbonyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyloxycarbonyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyloxycarbonyl- $C_{1-4}$ alkyloxy, hydroxycarbonyl $C_{1-4}$ alkyloxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyloxycarbonylamino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylaminocarbonyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylaminocarbonylamino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylaminothiocarbonylamino, aryl, aryloxy and arylcarbonyl;  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl substituted with both hydroxy and aryloxy;  $C_{3-6}$ alkenyl;  $C_{3-6}$ alkenyl substituted with aryl; or, L represents a radical of formula -Alk-Y-Het<sup>1</sup> (a-1), -Alk-NH-CO-Het<sup>2</sup> (a-2) or -Alk-Het<sup>3</sup> (a-3); provided that 6,11-dihydro-11-(4-piperidinylidene)-5H-imidazo[2,1-b][3]benzazepine is excluded, which are useful antiallergic compounds.

Compositions comprising said compounds, methods of using and processes for preparing the same.